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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : OXCART Exchange between Kelly Johnson and  
Najeeb Halaby

REFERENCE : a. Cable from Mr. Cunningham to Mr. Johnson,  
Dated 14 August 1962 [ ] 5126)

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b. Cable from Mr. Johnson to Mr. Cunningham,  
Dated 17 August 1962 [ ] 4035)

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1. In connection with your inquiry of me stimulated by the Director's request of you as to exactly what exchange there was involving the Agency between Kelly Johnson and Jeeb Halaby, I believe the two references are largely self-explanatory. Reference b. was passed to Mr. Halaby by [ ]

[ ] in sterilized form a few days after its receipt.

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2. Aside from the above, there is no record of any written exchange on the subject of OXCART between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Halaby. It is worthy of note, however, that Mr. Halaby was among those present for the first flight of the OXCART vehicle last year, and in addition he has been briefed in Washington at least one time since that date by Mr. Johnson on progress in the OXCART Program. There has been no direct technical exchange between Lockheed and FAA on OXCART subject matters inferentially related to the supersonic transport, although we have endeavored in the past to keep [ ] the FAA SST Project Officer, current on major achievements and problems in the OXCART bird. Mr. Halaby has also been briefed several times on OXCART, particularly as it affects the Project's relationship with the legal responsibilities of FAA. At one time it was contemplated providing FAA with sterilized technical reports on OXCART developments affecting the SST, but it

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25X1A was subsequently decided that security concerns precluded anything as formal and detailed as this. However, through Mr. Kiefer a line has been kept open to [redacted] to permit profitable exchanges, especially as they relate to SST's development and the selection of contractors for various SST related studies. I would appreciate if you would return the references when you have finished with them.

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